

merce, reported a bill to amend an act entitled "An act further providing for the better security of the lives of pas-

Mr. H., from the same committee, reported a joint resolution for the relief of the owners of the brig "Kate Boyd," which was read twice and committed.

to pass: committed.

Mr. H., from the same committee, reported adversely on the petition of Sarah Viney, sister and administratrix of John Viney deceased, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DISNEY, from the Committee on Public Lands, recommended that the bill for the relief of Frank Deane and Richard H. Beaman, with an amendment thereto, be passed.

Mr. D., from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to continue in force for a limited period the board of commissioners appointed to adjust private land claims in the State of Texas, reported adversely thereon: laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BENNETT, from the Committee on Public Lands, recommended that the bill for the relief of the United States, relative to the granting lands for railroad purposes, on conditions therein set forth, be passed.

Mr. STEVENS, of Michigan, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill authorizing full satisfaction of the claims of the revolutionaries and soldiers allowed by the State of Virginia: and expressed no opinion: ordered to be printed.

Mr. HENN asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill providing for a telegraphic line and express mail communication from the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean; which was read twice, committed, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. H., from the Committee on Public Lands, reported

back Senate bill for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands; which was laid on the table, a bill to that effect having already been passed.

Mr. DUNBAR, from the Committee on Commerce, reported back Senate bill 436, providing for the improvement of the navigation of the Patuxent river, and to render the port of Baltimore accessible to war steamers of the United States; which was committed.

Mr. D., from the same committee, reported a bill to complete the improvement of the harbor of Chicago, in the State of Illinois; which was read twice and committed.

Mr. JONES, from New York, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill for the relief of Benjamin Jones, a merchant, who had been arrested and rendered in the Post Office Department; read twice and committed.

Mr. J., from the same committee, reported back Senate amendments, proposing for the settlement of the firm of C. M. Strader & Co., mail contractors; which was committed.

Mr. J., from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill for the relief of Robert Jenkinson, the legal representative of Benjamin Jones, deceased, reported adversely thereon; laid on the table.

Mr. McDUGALL, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill for the relief of Uriah P. Davis, of Indiana; which was committed.

Mr. DAVIS, of Indiana, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported adversely on the bill providing for the purchase of so much of the Columbia turnpike road as was owned by the Government, and for the sale of the same at public auction, free, and on the petition of citizens of the District of Columbia for the incorporation of a savings institution; which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for the relief of Magdalena Van Ness, widow of Cornelius P. Van Ness, deceased; which was committed.

Mr. CROCKER, from the Committee on the Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill for the relief of David Noble, an officer of the revolution; which was read twice and committed.

Mr. DEAM, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill for the relief of William Craig; which was read twice and committed.

Mr. SHOWER, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the Senate bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Gerard Wood, deceased, reported back the same, with the recommendation that it do pass; which was committed and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PECKHAM from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported back the Senate bill authorizing relief to the heirs and legal representatives of Captain Joshua Chamberlain, deceased; committed.

Mr. NICHOLS, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of James Lindsay; also, a bill for the relief of Wm. Gempey; and a bill for

Mr. JONES, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported adversely on various petitions and memorials.

Mr. JONES, having, by unanimous consent, withdrawn the motion heretofore made by him to reconsider the vote by which the bill of the Senate providing for the removal of the obstructions to navigation in the mouth of the Mississippi river at the Southwest Pass and Pass à L'Ouvert, was reported to the Senate, and it was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HENSON asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act approved July 1, 1890, and to provide for the prompt stamp duty upon the notes and papers of the currency of the United States, which was read twice, referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PHANGLES, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Mary Jennings, deceased, which was read twice and committed.

Mr. ORR, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted various adverse reports; which were laid on the table.

Mr. MAXWELL, from the same committee, also submitted an adverse report.

On motion of Mr. HAVEN, the Senate bill providing for the deepening of the channel of St. Clair falls, and St. Mary's river, in the State of Michigan, was taken from the Speaker's table and committed.

Mr. HARRIS, from the same committee, reported appropriations for the removal of obstructions to navigation in Savannah river, in the State of Georgia, was taken from the Speaker's table and committed.

Mr. ASHLE, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

ed a bill for the relief of Joseph White and a bill for the relief of Andrew Armstrong; which were read twice.

Mr. FLORENCE, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of certain surviving dependents of families of persons killed by a late accident happening in the Philadelphia navy-yard, asked that that committee be discharged from their further consideration, they having no jurisdiction over the subject, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Pensions; agreed to.

Mr. BOGOC, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of Harrison Howell; which was read twice and committed.

Mr. SILL, from the same committee, reported back.

Mr. SILL for the relief of Captain Thomas Ap Cateby; Jones committed.

Mr. FLORENCE, from the same committee, reported Senate bill for the relief of Odway H. Berryman; committed.

Mr. DONALD, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported adversely on the Senate bill for the relief of Robert

ert Joiner, and asked that the committee be discharged from its further consideration: agreed to.

Mr. DUNBAR asked leave to call up a Senate bill from the Speaker's table for the purpose of having it referred to the Committee of Ways and Means: objected to.

Mr. PEAKINS, from the Committee on Education and the Interior, asked leave to withdraw the resolution reported by him, and to report in lieu thereof a resolution questioning the President of the United States to inform the House, if not incompatible with the public interest, what time was the object or objects of the late meeting or conference of American ministers at Ostend, and whether said meeting or conference was held in obedience to the instructions of the Secretary of State; and, if so, what those instructions were, and what was the result of said meeting or conference, reported back the same, and the resolution was

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on the Territories, submitted various adverse reports on the memorials of citizens of the Territory of Minnesota asking for the construction of military roads; laid on the table.

Mr. MIDDLEBURY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, submitted various adverse reports on the petitions of Soley Shedd and Major E. Walker, which were laid on the table.

Various other adverse reports were here made.

Mr. CROCKER, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported a bill for the relief of Jeanne French, of Greenfield, Massachusetts, and a bill for the relief of N. ———, late pension agent at New Albany, in the State of Indiana; which were read twice and committed.

Mr. HENDRICKS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported the following bills; which were read twice and committed:

A bill granting a pension to Doily Empson,
A bill for the relief of Robert H. Stephens.